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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance [under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)] can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office." (See MPEP §609 A(3), second paragraph.)

Applicant encloses an English-language translation of an Office Action from a counterpart Japanese patent application (Application No. 2000-547462), which cites

JP 61-89765 and JP 1-19473. An English language abstract of JP 1-194743 is also submitted herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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